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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 23, 2004, please substitute the enclosed 17 sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conclusion that the present invention is not anticipated or made obvious in view of the prior art. However, applicants do not concede that the Examiner's characterization of the invention and the prior art is accurate or complete, or that there are not other good reasons of record for patentability of the allowed claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously pending claims, unamended, in one or more continuation applications. Please apply any additional charges or credits to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket Number 10278-025004.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank Examiner Kaufman for her time to discuss the above-referenced application during a telephonic interview on September 15, 2004. The pending claims were discussed during the interview. Examiner Kaufman requested that claims 48 and 50 be canceled and that claims 47, 49, 62, and 65 be amended as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 23, 2004. In the interest of moving the application toward allowance, applicants' representative agreed to amend the claims, without prejudice, as requested by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously pending claims, unamended, in one or more continuation applications.

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